Modernisation Scheme in respect of Thermal Plants

105. SHRI N.E. BALRAM : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of the Thermal Plants' Modernisation Scheme is tardy ; and

(b) if so, what are the details and necessary steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) The implementation of this programme has already commenced, after the initial phase of preparation and finalisation of Renovation and Modernisation schemes for 32 Thermal Power Stations and the establishment of necessary organisational arrangements for effective execution. Following the finalisation of terms and conditions for grant of loans to various state Electricity Boards/Corporations, a sum of Rs. 32·86 crores has so far been released as Central assistance to the SEBs/ Corporations.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortfall in Oil production

106. SHRI N. E. BALRAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a shortfall in oil production in North Eastern area ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, nd what steps are being taken to make up the shortfall ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b) As against a target of 5.53 million tonnes from the Eastern Region, the anticipated production of crude oil during 1984-85 is 5.23 million tonnes.

Some of the steps being taken to make up the shortfall are :

(i) Increased development drilling.

(ii) Acceleration of workover efforts.

(iii) Putting more wells on gas lift by installation of additional pumps & compressors.

(iv) Increased pressure maintenance by water injection and gas injection.

Coal Projects

107. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state what are the mining projects envisaged to be opened or completed in Sixth Plan which could not be fulfilled in ECL, CCL and BCCL and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : Of the 51 projects in ECL, CCL and BCCL envisaged to be Completed during Sixth Plan period, 28 have been completed and the implementation of 3 could not be taken up due to geo-mining difficulties. The completion of the remaining 20 projects has been carried over to the 7th Plan due to one or more of the following reasons :—

(i) Difficulties in acquisition of land and starting new projects, at places combined with the law and order problem ;